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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: President's Foreign Intelligence Board

1. This memorandum is for information.
2. An Executive Order establishing the President's Foreign Intelligence Board was drafted by Dr. Kissinger and sent by the Bureau of the Budget to the Attorney General. Agency views were not requested in view of the similarity to the earlier Order. Copies were sent to us for information, as well as to the Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness.
3. Dr. Kissinger has asked that the Order be ready for consideration the week of 10 February. The general thrust of the new Order is similar to Executive Order 10938, which set up the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, but there are changes in emphasis.
 - a. The word "Advisory" has been taken out of the title. However, the first function of the Board is to advise the President concerning the objectives, conduct, management and coordination of the over-all national intelligence effort. "Management" and "coordination" were not in the old Order.
 - b. The second function is similar to the old in requiring the Board to conduct a continuing review and assessment of foreign intelligence and related activities.

c. The third function is also similar to the old Order in requiring reports to the President, but adds that the Board should make appropriate recommendations for action to achieve increased effectiveness of the Government's foreign intelligence effort.

d. SEC. 2 is similar to the old Order in requiring all agencies to make pertinent information available to the Board.

e. SEC. 3 provides for the appointment of qualified persons from outside the Government and specifies that they shall be appointed by the President. Appointment by the President was not in the previous Order.

f. SEC. 4 is new and provides for a staff headed by an Executive Director and authorizes the Executive Director to appoint and fix compensation for personnel necessary for the performance of the Board's duties.

g. SEC. 5 is similar to the old Order in providing for payment of expenses out of "Special Projects" in the Executive Office Appropriation Act.

s/
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General Counsel

Attachment
Draft Executive Order

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